

I am writing AGAINST the proposal represented by docket number FAA-2003-16705 to expand the controlled airspace around Selfridge ANGB (MTC). There are two public airports and numerous private airstrips that would be negatively impacted by this expansion. There are dozens of pilots who, like me, are flying vintage, experimental, or ultralight aircraft that do not have electrical systems that would support two-way communication and/or transponders, if required. Moreover, the tower clearances required would further congest and already crowded airspace by forcing aircraft into designated approach lanes. This would also compromise safety because of the considerable difference in operating speeds represented by the aircraft. How can a twin Cessna, for example, who is cleared for an approach to his home airport along a specific vector, going to maintain safe horizontal clearance from an ultralight whose maximum speed is 50mph? There is ample room for the men and women of Selfridge to use over the Lake St Clair area. Many airport operators and their supporting businesses are likely to be forced out of business if this proposed rule is approved. Finally, on a more emotional note, the freedom of the skies has already been eroded enough. Surely, the successful and safe operation of Selfridge under its current airspace is the strongest justification for leaving the airspace limits as they now are.